the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment
information stored in the information storage medium and changes
the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the
user-environment information, and

the information storage medium is automatically and directly
readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into
the user recognizing unit.

2.   (Twice Amended)   A user-adaptive variable-environment
system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user
recognizing unit; and

an information storage medium to be applied to the user
recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable;

wherein the information storage medium stores user-
environment information about environment suitable for a user,

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment
information stored in the information storage medium and changes
the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the
user-environment information, and

the information storage medium is automatically readable by
the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but
apart from the user recognizing unit.

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21. (New)   The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 2, wherein

the information storage medium is an ID card.

22. (New)   The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 2, wherein

the user-environment information includes at least one of a type of an OS, a language in which information is to be displayed, usable application software and a key layout.

23. (New)   The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 2, wherein

the user-environment information serves as a password.

24. (New)   The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 2, wherein

the user-environment information stored in said information storage medium includes a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software, a dedicated keyboard layout and a dedicated display language.

25. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit; and

an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable and is an ID card serving as a password;

wherein the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information includes at least one of a type of an OS, a language in which information is to be displayed, usable application software and a key layout, and includes a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software, a dedicated keyboard layout and a dedicated display language;

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information; and

the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

26. (New)   A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit;

an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable and is an ID card serving as a password;

the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information includes at least one of a type of an OS, a language in which information is to be displayed, usable application software and a key layout, and includes a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software, a dedicated keyboard layout and a dedicated display language;

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information; and

the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.